

Application No. 10/525,783  
Response dated 10/18/2006

**Remarks:**

**Amendments to the Claims:**

No new matter or any matter unsupported by the application as filed is introduced by the requested amendments.

Applicants do not concede the correctness of the Examiner's arguments and statements made in rejecting claims 17 -22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and claims 13, 14, 16 - 20 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and reserve the right to prosecute claims to the subject matter of such claims in future continuation applications. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicants have amended the claims of this application solely to advance prosecution and allowance of allowable Claim 15 and claims dependent thereon.

Applicants appreciatively note the Examiner's statement that claim 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claim 15 in independent form including all aforementioned limitations. Applicants have introduced new claims 24 through 28 all dependent directly or indirectly on claim 15. Applicants respectfully point out that since claim 15 is allowable as being directed to novel and unobvious subject matter, claims dependent thereon are also novel and unobvious.

Particularly, Applicants point out that if, as the Examiner has agreed, a combination is novel and unobvious, a pharmaceutical composition containing such a combination must also be novel and unobvious. Further, Applicants point out that the Examiner, in discussing the rejection of claims 17 - 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, has stated that the specification is enabling for using a combination comprising a statin and a disclosed  $\alpha 7$ -nAChR agonist to treat Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully suggest that new claims 27 and 28 are allowable.

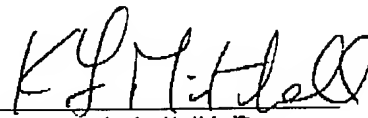
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**Conclusion:**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully solicits prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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